EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Application History

1.   This action is responsive to the amendment filed 6/16/2008.

2.   Applicant has canceled claims 12, 13 and 24-28. An examiner's amendment appears below that amends claim 9 and cancels claim 11. The examiner's amendment was discussed and approved by applicant's representative by phone on 8/28/2008.

3.   Claims 1-10, 14-23 and 29-35 are pending in the case; claims 1, 2, 9, 14-16 and 29 are independent claims.

4.   The examiner's rejection of claims 11-13 and 24-28, as described in the office action dated 1/27/2005, is withdrawn in view of the canceled claims.

5.   The examiner's rejection of claims 1-10, 14-23 and 29-35, as described in the office action dated 1/27/2005, is withdrawn in view of the BPAI decision rendered 4/15/2008.

Examiner's Amendment

6.   An examiner's amendment to claims 9 and 11 appear below. Text added by the examiner is shown underlined. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37

CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone

interview with Jason D. Lohr on 8/28/2008.

7.   Rewrite claims 9 and 11 as follows:

9. (Amended) A computer implemented system for visually configuring a
product from a plurality of selectable components, comprising:

a user interface for displaying the plurality of selectable
components and a plurality of slots into which the plurality of
selectable components can be placed; and

a user intelligence communicatively coupled to the user interface,
for receiving a set of constraints from a remote inference engine
and implementing the set of constraints;

wherein the user intelligence comprises:

an interpretor for receiving a set of constraints from an
inference engine;

a storage for storing the set of constraints;

an implementor for implementing the forward-looking rules
stored in the table; and

an encoder for encoding and sending data regarding a user's
current selection from the plurality of donors and the plurality
of receptors to the inference engine.

11. (Canceled)

8.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no

later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays,

should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Vaughn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4131. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached at (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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